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CALTRANS INSTALLS NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN REDDING

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the City of Redding, is currently installing traffic signals on State Route 299 (Eureka Way) at 11th Street and on State Route 273 at Grange Street in Redding. Both projects are anticipated to complete in mid-October.

The 11th Street intersection is currently an un-signalized intersection with substantial pedestrian traffic to and from nearby schools and restaurants. The contractor, Pacific Electrical Contractors, will work nights next week installing the remaining signal hardware, detector loops in the pavement, and striping. The purpose of this project is to reduce the number and severity of collisions at the 11th Street intersection with SR 299 (Eureka Way).

Richard A. Heaps Electric, contractor for the Grange Street project will replace the existing flashing beacon system with a traffic signal. Existing sidewalk and curb ramps will be reconfigured to work with the new signal and allow better pedestrian access through the area. In addition to the signal, the east corner at Grange Street and SR 273 (South Market Street) has been widened for improved right hand turns for the northbound traffic turning east. The median island has also been realigned to create a longer left turn lane from southbound SR 273 to eastbound Grange Street. Grange Street does not line up on the east and west sides of SR 273; therefore, a median island has been constructed to prevent left turns onto northbound SR 273 from eastbound Grange Street next to the Good News Rescue Mission. Work continues with installation of signal poles, finish work on the sidewalk, paving, and landscaping.

These changes are intended to improve both pedestrian safety and traffic flow through the area, as pedestrians will have a signalized intersection for crossing the street. In addition, traffic flow will be more efficient since it will be coordinated with other signals in the vicinity.

For more information about the project please contact the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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